

## CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MEDICAID SERVICES

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Re: KyHealth Choices

Kentucky Medicaid Dental Program Update

Provider Letter: A-358 Primary Care

A-207 Rural Health A-147 Dentist A-8 Dental Group

A-25 ASC

Dear KyHealth Choices Dental Provider:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify how the Department for Medicaid Services' transformation, known as *KyHealth Choices*, will affect dental services. Dental regulations 907 KAR 1:026E, *Dental Services* and 907 KAR 1:626E, *Reimbursement of Dental Services* were filed with the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) June 30, 2006. The regulations are available for your review on our website at <a href="https://www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/current.htm">www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/current.htm</a>.

A summary of the dental changes are as follows:

- o On or about August 15, 2006, reimbursement for **most** CDT codes will be increased by thirty percent for members under twenty-one (21) years of age.
- o On or about August 15, 2006, a fee increase for orthodontic cases will be added. Additionally, the term "disabling malocclusion" has been defined.
- o On or about September 30, 2006, the debridement code D4355 will be added for coverage **for pregnant women only** and will be limited to one per pregnancy.
- o On or about September 30, 2006, X-ray services will be provided on a per member basis.
- On or about September, 30, 2006, adult (greater than 21 years of age) dental services will be provided at the rate of one visit per calendar month per member with exception for emergencies.



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To find out which plan a member has or to obtain information regarding service limitations, you may visit our website at <a href="https://www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/kyheatlhchoices.htm">www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/kyheatlhchoices.htm</a>.

If you have any questions, concerns or issues relating to policy or the claims billing process, please contact your *KyHealth Choices* provider representative at (800) 635-2570.

Thank you for your continued participation and support of KyHealth Choices.

Sincerely,

Glenn Jennings Commissioner

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Primary Care Rural Health Dentist Dental Group ASC

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